

# Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

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## A Christmas Prayer

"And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for behold, I bring you tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Savior, which is Christ the Lord.

And this shall be a sign unto you: Ye shall find a babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, and good will toward men."

LUKE 2:10-14

Let us honor him with gentle care for those we love, the love we speak made real, the peace we hope for come true. The Christ child brings gifts we must grow enough to receive. Believe in him and in each other for God's birth is an act of faith in mankind.

Let us pray that strength and courage abundant be given to all who work for a world of reason and understanding—that the good that lies in every man's heart may day by day be magnified. Also that the blessings of peace—the peace to build and grow, to live in harmony and sympathy, with a thought to the brotherhood of all men, be ours.

May the Lord be with you and with your spirit throughout this holiday season and forever.

## Appeals Board Not Guilty Of Bias: Posey

By MONIQUE LACOUTURE

In the United States, the judicial policy of "innocent before proven guilty" is held very strongly. Likewise, this same policy holds true concerning Saint Joseph's handling of disciplinary actions, although many students believe this a farce.

In a recent letter to the editor of STUFF, one student openly criticized the work of the appeals board and especially the "blatant bias" of the board favoring personnel Dean Jerome Hughes.

"It's a shame that students feel so strongly against the appeals board," comments Dr. John Posey, professor of history and chairman of the appeals board. "No one, not even the dean, has any influence concerning the decisions made by the board itself, and the only person who can overrule a decision is Father Charles Banet, president of the college."

Saint Joseph's appeals board is comprised of three faculty and two student members. Besides Dr. Posey, the other faculty members are Father Charles Rueve, professor of mathematics, and Robert Vigant, head librarian. Kit Hartman (Jr.) and

Jim Conde (so-Gal.) are the student members. The faculty members are chosen by the president's council, and the student members by the Student Senate.

When an infraction of college rules is committed by a student outside the dormitory, the case is brought to the dean for an initial hearing. During this hearing, the student is advised of the charges brought against him, and is allowed to present his own witnesses, face his accusers, and hear the penalties pending the outcome. If the student is unhappy with the outcome, he can bring his case to the appeals board.

During the hearing by the appeals board, each member of the board is presented a folder containing copies of all correspondence and all the facts concerning the case in question. The board reviews the information with both parties—the student and the dean—and then hears any additional testimony by the student and any witnesses presented by the student. Within seven days after the hearing, the student is advised of the decision. If the student is still unhappy with the appeals board's decision, the last course of action is to bring the case to the college president.

"Only through the correspondence of the initial hearing, when he brings the board members the folders, and during the final hearing—these are the only times in which the dean is involved," says Dr. Posey. "I feel that our system is a direct, clear line of appeal where unjust treatment is not allowed."

Concerning the accusations brought up in the letter to the editor, Dr. Posey commented "that case dealt with an event which is not directly involved with the student; it is an outright infraction of the rules in the student handbook."

## STUFF

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## Students Show Concern Via Holiday Fund Drive

By MATT CAMPBELL

With Christmas just around the corner, dorms and organizations are getting into the Christmas spirit by sponsoring food and clothing drives to help support the needy in the Rensselaer community. The drives are taking place throughout December.

As in the past, Gallagher Hall plans to sponsor its second annual hockey marathon to raise money which will buy food baskets to be distributed to the needy of Jasper County in addition to the food drive. Gallagher Hall will sponsor a Christmas party for the needy children of Rensselaer on Dec. 11.

"Last year Gallagher made \$1600 in a 24-hour hockey game. This year

we hope to attain a goal of \$2000 in the same time," comments Bert Valenkamph (sr-Gal.).

The hockey marathon will take place Dec. 14 to Dec. 15, from 5:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Collection boxes, for those students wishing to give a donation, will be placed outside the cafeteria. Others wishing to donate may send their donations to: Floor Hockey Marathon, c/o Bert Valenkamph, Box 151, campus.

"We hope this year's fund drive will be a great success and I encourage students as well as faculty to participate," says Valenkamph.

In addition to Gallagher's floor hockey marathon, the Black Student Union is sponsoring its annual Christmas clothing drive. It will be handled in the same manner as the Thanksgiving food drive.

"Collection boxes will be placed in the same locations as they were for the Thanksgiving food drive in each dorm and in the BSU lounge. Students are encouraged to donate food, clothing, or money. The clothing and food will be distributed by the Saint Augustine's parish to the needy children throughout the Rensselaer area," says BSU chairperson James Hudson.

The BSU drive will run to Dec. 13.

"We are hoping that students will participate and give of themselves so others may enjoy the Christmas season," comments Hudson.

"Our Thanksgiving food drive was successful, and we are again hoping that our fellow students will show this holiday spirit of cooperation," Hudson concludes.

## Drexel To Duel Merlini

Former members of Drexel Hall now living in Merlini will combine forces in an attempt to defeat a team of natives of Merlini in the first Drexel-Merlini football bowl on Saturday at noon on the field at the east end of the fieldhouse.

Formerly known as the Drexel Bowl because only members of that dorm were allowed to play, it was expanded this year to include their "adopted" home. There have been 34 previous Drexel Bowl games, pitting the juniors and seniors against the underclassmen. In all 34 contests, the upperclassmen have won.





## Christmas Is Caring

It seems that the Christmas season brings out the best in people. This is especially evident among the student body, where fund drives and collections are the recipients of student generosity.

We commend those students who organized these collections for the needy, because it shows not only that they care, but it shows that all of the members of the Saint Joe community really do care.

Also to be commended is the Food Service, for offering to donate to the Gallagher Hall floor hockey marathon the cost of a meal that each student gives up. And the students who decided to do without Wednesday's dinner in the cafeteria also deserve a commendation. An enormous number of them, nearly half the student body, thus in their own way, showed that they really care about others during this season.

We hope that we can get others into the spirit as we go all out to prove that Saint Joe is people — and people caring for other people.

## It Doesn't Add Up

Very recently, students were informed by Student Association president Mark Behnke (via "table-top telegram") that they would be forced to pay a \$10 increase in SA fees if their motion is carried in the Student Senate. Seven dollars and fifty cents of this increase would be used to provide campus-wide TV cable and FM stereo hookups.

This course of action is unfair and totally asinine. It is unfair in that it discriminates against the more than 50 percent of the student body who do not have televisions in their rooms by forcing them to pay for something that they won't be using.

Sure, Behnke will win support from those who do have televisions because the rates they now pay to watch their TV's will be "shared" by everyone on campus much in the same fashion that dorm damage is equally paid for by the minority that causes it, and the majority who can no longer use the damaged item.

If Behnke and other TV owners wish to watch their favorite programs in their rooms, they should pay for it themselves. For the rest of the student body, it doesn't add up to anything but a ripoff.

## Drifts Fenced Out

Women of Halas and Justin, relief from the drifting snows of winter have been partially provided for.

We are sure that everyone has noticed that fences have been springing up in the middle of certain fields. Freshmen are probably puzzled by their appearance, but the rest of us know what they are for. And are we surprised!

These fences are being provided to prevent snow from drifting over the paths that separate Justin and Halas Halls as it did (in great quantities) in the past. We congratulate the department of buildings and grounds for realizing that this is a problem, and taking some preventive measures.

## Measure Picks Winning Entries

Saint Joseph's campus literary magazine, *Measure*, recently awarded prizes for best cover, best poem and best short story entries for the *Measure* '79 issue.

Prizes of \$25 each were awarded to: Eileen Crowley (jr. - Hal.) for best cover; Theresa Wright (jr. - Hal.) for best poem; and Denise Brown (jr. - Jus.) for best short story.



Mary Vodisek (sr. - Jus., center) appears to be dreading the roast beef at the Phi Kappa-Little Sisters' Christmas banquet last week. Looking on is Julie Metz (jr. - Jus.).



## Letters To The Editor

Dear Editor,

The time has come to call a spade a spade. The maintenance force at Saint Joe's has long been maligned by that infantile minority of the student body, and has lately been joined by the personnel dean. Now comes the silent majority to do some finger pointing.

Number one, the dean does not serve justice by having little tete-a-tetes with RAs, such as on first floor west Justin, and hearing only one side of the story.

West Justin first floor uses the wash basins for garbage disposals and these spoiled brats expect the janitorial and plumbing departments to rush around behind them cleaning up, with an immediacy for which we are not staffed.

This is not to imply that everyone in west Justin is to blame; indeed, I am sure that the "nice girls" who live there abhor such actions, much as I do.

There are many other acts such as this taking place on this campus by a few males and females who seem to have a complete disregard for other people's wishes. Some seem imbued with a tendency to destroy until they appear to be victims of myopic dementia.

With cooperation between us all, this can be a beautiful and happy campus; but first, let us put the monkey upon the back to which it belongs.

Saint Joseph's  
P.M. Man  
Gene Van Denburgh

Dear Editor,

This letter is a response to Mike Dermody who wrote the letter to the editor in the

### A Bit Of Sunshine

## An Unanswered Cry For Help

By DIANE LINN

"I demand my rights!" shrielled the woman at the statue-still judge.

"Pray tell, madam, what are these rights you speak of?" he asked passively.

"Protection from vandalism, namely."

"But surely the law provides adequate protection?"

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Normally when a car is illegally parked, a ticket is given. It so happens that Mr. Dermody left his auto parked overnight and it was not towed until 1 p.m. on the following Sunday. The car was parked in the dock so that the Dining Services truck could not bring supplies in from Chapel in order to prepare supper. Dining Services, with difficulty, carried supplies in the side door for brunch. Needless to say, Dining Services needs to feed students and if Mr. Dermody's car needs to be towed away in order to feed students, then we will not feel guilty in fulfilling our responsibility to the student body.

Mr. Dermody, you are responsible for your car and where you put it.

Mr. Dermody's car was towed away and this was authorized by security at the request of Richard Stowers of Dining Services. Dining Services does not authorize parking permits or towing. Mr. Dermody owes Mr. Roger Knouff a formal apology for falsely accusing him for having his car towed away. Mr. Roger Knouff feels rebuked especially since he does so many favors for students as concerns student social events.

Sincerely,  
James Novak  
Director of  
Dining Services



has been destroyed. Language and actions have been highly offensive. We non-offenders have rights, too! Surely the law ought to protect us. A  
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## PUMA PRINTS

# Príde Sparks Volleyball

"I was very proud of their hustle and determination. This is a volleyball team that Saint Joe should be proud of," comments coach Linda Taulman.

In her first year at Saint Joe, Taulman took her volleyball team to a 26-12 final record (including a 21-9 regular-season record) and a fourth-place finish in the Indiana Association of Intercollegiate Athletics for Women (IAIAW) state volleyball tournament held at Taylor University.

The Pumas hosted the district one tournament and finished second behind Valparaiso but ahead of Purdue-Calumet, Notre Dame, Saint Mary's of South Bend, and Goshen.

In placing second, Saint Joe lost to Valpo and overcame Saint Mary's, Goshen and Purdue-Calumet.

The women were exuberant over the chance to go to the state tourney. SJC played Butler first. After dropping the first match 11-15, they rallied to win the next two 15-8, 15-9.

Indiana Tech then dropped the Pumas into the losers' bracket by defeating them 15-11, 15-8.

Squeezing out a narrow victory over Huntington 16-14, 15-11, the women went on to play IUPUI-Indianapolis, a team which they had both beaten and lost to during the regular season.

The game was filled with emotion as IUPUI took the first match 15-8. The Pumas rallied to take the next match 16-14, and looked like they were going to run away with the third and deciding match, holding a 14-5 edge. But the Metros were not to be outdone. They tied the score at 14-14 and went on to win, 16-14.

"The development of the women's volleyball program has been impressive, even in the short time that I've been here," reflects senior co-captain Mary Ann Klemm. "This progress is evident not only in our record this year, but in our increased bench strength also."

Taulman can expect more of the same success that she experienced this year as Klemm is the only player who will be lost to graduation. Returning to the team next year will be the solid nucleus of upperclassmen Leona Fournier (co-captain this year), Katie Flynn, Nancy Scott, Regina Fisher, and freshmen Linda Deno, Ronda Hillenburg, Peg Versgrove, Jamie Badanish, Sandy Allen, Vicki Bauer and sophomore transfer Stormy Klecka.

## IM Bowling Under Way

By RON TRIPPEL

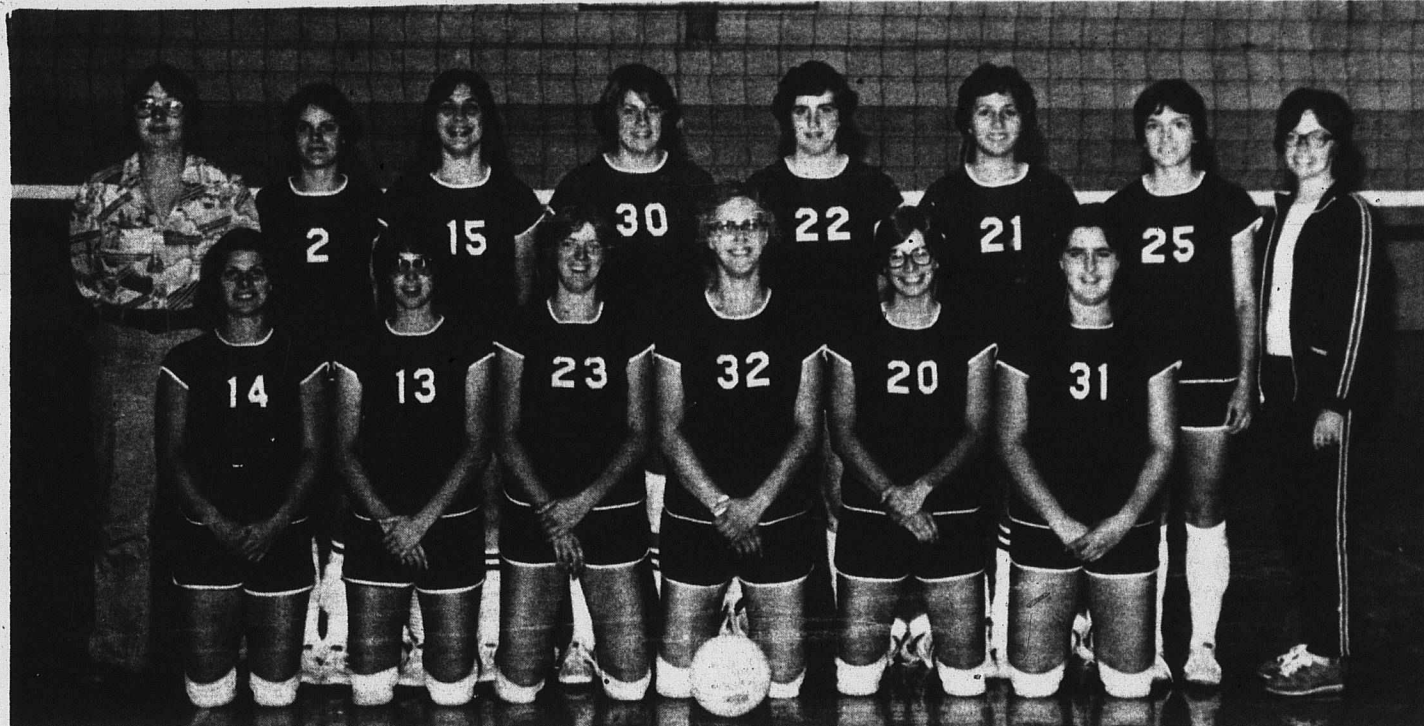
Intramural bowling is only four weeks old, but it promises to hold plenty of excitement as 28 teams vie for three divisional titles. Lounge and the Flies (9-0) have posted the best records while atop in division III. Division I and II leaders are the Stokers (8-1) and Noll's Stoned Ponies (7-2) respectively. Bowling playoffs will be held next semester.

Floor hockey began Dec. 3 as the Gallagher Kiwis seek to defend their IM championship. Seven other teams will

be battling the Kiwis for the 1978-79 floor hockey title.

Men's IM basketball is scheduled to begin next semester, thereby allowing teams time for practice before the season commences. Teams will compete in either the A, B, or C league. Last year's title winners were Bennett's AWT, Noll's Stoned Ponies and the Gallagher Squinty-Eyed Dogs in leagues A, B, and C respectively.

Gallagher's Operators captured the men's IM volleyball championship this year by defeating the East Seifert Snack Pak in the final game.



Members of the women's volleyball team, which finished fourth in the state volleyball championships, are (kneeling, l-r) Leona Fournier, Regina Fisher, Nancy Scott, Jamie Badanish, Mary Ann Klemm, and Sandy Allen. Standing, (l-r) are student manager Terri Vincitore, Vicki Bauer, Linda Deno, Katie Flynn, Peg Versgrove, Stormy Klecka, Ronda Hillenburg, and head coach Linda Taulman.

## Men Cagers Off To 3-0 Start; Women Rip Grace In Opener

By ED FISETTE

Both the men's and women's basketball teams chalked up victories in their first week of play. The men are 3-0 heading into this weekend's Puma 100 Classic and the women won their season opener last Saturday.

In the first game of the season Nov. 28, Saint Joe romped over Northeastern Illinois 111-77, then won a nail-biter over Bellarmine 92-89 last Thursday before outscoring Grace 85-71 on Saturday. Dave Downey led the way for the Pumas against Grace, scoring 32 points to go along with 17 rebounds.

Bellarmine visited the home of the Pumas Nov. 30 in the first Great Lakes Valley Conference game for both teams.

Saint Joe enjoyed a five-point margin, 42-37, at halftime. With 6:18 to go in the game, Downey got two of his game-high 24 points when he sunk a 12-foot jump shot which gave the Pumas a 77-61 lead, their biggest of the game.

Kevin Sims swished six consecutive free throws in one-and-one situations during the final minute to sink the Knights. Led by Downey's



Dennis Thomas (10) of the Pumas barely outreaches Dan McCauley (15) of Bellarmine for this rebound. The Pumas squeaked by with a 92-89 win last Thursday.

15 rebounds and 11 caroms by Dennis Thomas, Saint Joe dominated the boards by 62-39.

Scoring 16 points each, Downey and Sims led the team to the romp over Northeastern Illinois. Saint Joe scored the opening basket and never trailed in building a 25-point halftime bulge, 56-31.

"I was very pleased with our man-to-man defense in the early going against this quicker opponent; we took them out of their offensive pattern early and this really put the game in our favor," assesses Waggoner.

Saint Joe now prepares for the Puma 100 Classic tomorrow and Saturday. In the four-team basketball affair, Southern-Illinois Edwardsville will battle IUPUI (Indianapolis) in the Friday opener at 7 p.m. Saint Joe then takes on Milton (Wis.) in the 9 p.m. battle.

Losers will play at 7 p.m. Saturday for third place while the Friday night winners will compete at 9 p.m. Saturday for first and second place.

Wright State visits the den of the Pumas Monday and then the Pumas travel to Eastern Illinois Dec. 16. Bellarmine will be looking for

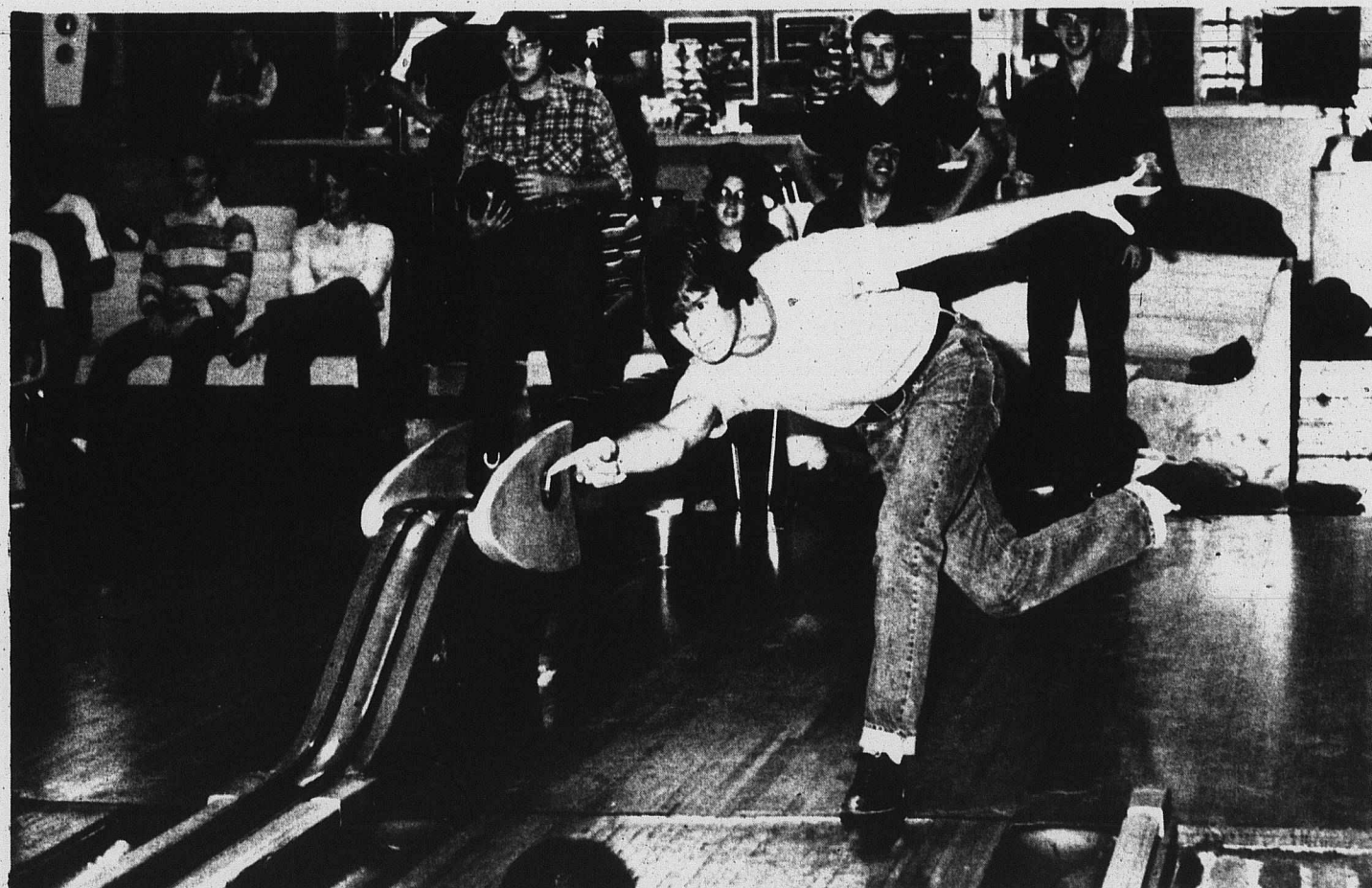
revenge when the Pumas travel to Kentucky Dec. 21. Following the Bellarmine game, Saint Joe plays home games Jan. 3 and 6 against Tri-State and DePauw respectively.

Last Saturday, the women's team visited Grace College and won impressively, 75-29. They were led by Sue Rebac's 12 points, with Cheryl Getz and Leona Fournier getting ten points each in a game in which everyone got to play.

"For a first game of the season, I was pleased with everyone's playing," says coach Susan Buntin. "I hope we continue our balanced scoring in future games."

SJC shot an impressive .772 from the charity stripe. Buntin remarks, "If they keep that up, and they have the capability to, I will be more than pleased."

Hoping to improve their 1-0 record, the women next play at Butler Saturday, then travel to Purdue-Calumet Dec. 13. The women then take off until Jan. 5, when they play at Indiana Tech, which is followed by a game at Huntington Jan. 6. The first home basketball game of the season is Jan. 10, when Purdue-Calumet comes to Saint Joe.



Tom Emerson of the Gutter Balls wings the ball down the alley in an attempt to make a strike during this IM bowling match.





Sheryl Perry (so.-Jus.) and Karen Roelofs (so.-Jus.) were two of the many Pumas who slicked back their hair and attended the Greaser Weekend mixer last Saturday.

## Posey Announces Agenda For 15-Day Russian Tour

Dr. John Posey, professor of history, has announced plans have now been completed for the college's 15-day Russian study tour that departs from Chicago next May 11 and arrives in Leningrad the following day. The next stop is Novgorod, reached by the efficient Russian train system on May 16.

Moscow will be reached by train on May 18. It is the 800-year-old capital of the USSR and the largest city, with a population of 7.5 million. Moscow has the distinction of being not only the location of the most powerful governmental bodies, but also of being the focus of the social, economic, intellectual, and cultural life of the Soviet Union.

On May 22, the Saint Joe group will fly to Kiev.

The group will return to Moscow for an overnight stay on May 24 and then leave for Copenhagen on the morning of May 25. The afternoon of May 25 will be spent at leisure in Copenhagen, and a guided tour of the city will be provided on the morning of May 26. A noon departure will get the group to Chicago in the evening of May 26.

The cost of the tour is \$1060. The price includes intercontinental air fare on SAS Scandinavian Airlines regularly-scheduled flights (no stranded charters); all transportation in the Soviet Union; hotels with double-room accommodations; three meals a day; private motor-coach; assistance guide; sightseeing tours (at least one-half day each day); admission cost for museums, exhibits, etc.; portage and transfers from airports; and tickets to two entertainment events (e.g. Bolshoi Ballet, Moscow Circus, Kirov Opera of Leningrad).

A payment of \$200 is due by Jan. 30. Anyone wishing to be in the tour, whether he made the Dec. 1 payment or not, should have made a total deposit of \$200 by Jan. 30. The balance is due by Apr. 1. Deposits are refundable up to Mar. 1.

Three hours of credit in history or political science from Saint Joseph's College are available if the participant completes an assignment arranged with the tour director. Participants wishing these credits applied to another major must arrange that with the appropriate department.

## 'Twas A Night At Saint Joe's ...



'Twas the night before Christmas, and inside each dorm,

Pumas were celebrating, in their usual form.

And all over the campus (you could hear it quite clear),

Was the sound of carousing and guzzling beer.

From the women of Halas, and Justin Hall too,

To Drexelites in Merlini, the Gallagher Zoo.

The turkeys in Bennett, the Stoned Ponies of Noll,

Seifert and Schwieterman each brought a bowl.

Then out on the lawn there arose such a clatter,

Dean Hughes sprang from his desk to see what was the matter.

In his frenzy he called and contacted Banet,

Who told him shut up, to sit down and to can it.

Upon hearing the noise, students drifted outside,

Where they joined staff and faculty as they gazed at the sky.

But what to their wondering eyes should appear,

But a plastered old man and eight mangy reindeer.

The crowd stood agape, then someone asked "Hey!

## Cry For Help . . .

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little hand-slapping isn't enough."

"We try, madam, we try. This is not an easy job."

"Neither is it easy to live among those you don't know if you can trust. I'm afraid to speak out against them because they may do something to me. But things are going a bit too far. I want protection, now, as a law-abiding citizen."

"We try, madam, we try." He rapped the gavel sharply upon the desk, uttering as he did so, "Case dismissed."

"Will not the law even protect me from lawbreakers?" she cried out.

"The law will do the best it can. Good day, madam. Next please."

Is a Non-Western Core speaker expected today?"

But a glance at that driver, eyes glazed and speech thick,

We knew in a moment, it must be Saint Nick.

More rapid than eagles his coursers they came,

As he ranted and raved, and called them by name.

"Now Dasher! Now Dancer! Now Prancer and Vixen!

On Comet! On Cupid! On Donner and Blitzen!

Turn right at the chapel. Look out for that wall!

Now dash away, dash away, dash away all."

Then over in Justin, Ma heard on the roof,

The prancing and pawing of each little hoof.

"Horny Pumas! My girls!" as she leapt up to see,

What that tripping and falling could possibly be.

When he entered he fell and knocked down their tree,

He was let in the dorm, though he had no I.D.

His eyes-how glassy! His dimples-how merry!

His cheeks were all flushed! His nose like a berry.

His droll little mouth was drawn up like a bow,

And the beard on his chin was as white as the snow.

He had a broad face, and a big, round beer belly,

Which shook when he laughed, like a bowlful of jelly.

He spoke not a word, but went straight to his rounds,

Giving gifts to both students and people in town.

He gave them a gift that was precious and dear,

(A year full of peace, and a case full of beer).

He gave us love and brotherhood, for our mind and our spirit,

He gave this to people, far from campus and near it.

With far too much trouble, he could (?) touch his nose,

He fell on his face, over Halleck he rose.

He fell into the pond when he sprang for his sleigh,

"Good grief!" said Fred Berger. "Sacre Bleu!" said Luzay.

Sopping wet in his sleigh, to his team gave a whistle,

And away they all flew like the down on a thistle.

But we heard him exclaim as he drove out of sight,

"God Almighty," he said, "what a heckuva night!"



Watched closely by the nun in the mural, Mark Quebbeman (sr.-Gal.) places a bulb on Halleck Center's Christmas tree at the tree-decorating party Sunday afternoon.

## Social Preview

By DAVID WILSON

Alas, we are coming to the end of just one more semester at this august college. This takes the fun out of everything! We all have papers that are long overdue; we are all fearing the dreaded semester finals. In most major colleges, this situation is known as "cram and pray."

There are only two social events left to ease the pain of dry eyes and writers' cramp. We will just have to do with what comes along and hope for better grades.

Saturday, Dec. 9, disco, 9:30 p.m. - 12:30 a.m., ballroom.

For the last mixer of the semester the SA has decided to run a disco. Time to get off our cans and boogie.

Sunday, Dec. 10, movie — *Rabbit Test*, 7 p.m. and 10 p.m., auditorium.

In the tradition of Woody Allen and Mel Brooks, a major comic talent has moved from the stage and TV to screen. *Rabbit Test* is celebrated comedienne Joan Rivers' first directorial attempt, and she brings out her wacky, pointed humor of life in the story of the world's first pregnant man. Billy Crystal (*Soap*) stars as the young man who forgot to take precautions in his dalliance with a backroom beauty and is now in a family way.



Freshman class officers for the 1978-79 school year are (front) president Troy Flowers (Mer.), secretary Beci Bateman (Jus.) and (back) vice-president Mark Malott (WSF), and treasurer Bob Jackson (Gal.).